

REMARKS

Claims 1-66 are presently under consideration by the Examiner, and new claims 67-80 have been added to the application to more adequately describe the invention. The new claims are supported in the specification.

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 22nd, 2006, Applicants submit the following remarks. In the Office Action, Claims 1-66 were subject to a restriction requirement. Applicants hereby elect with traverse Group I (Claims 1-44) which are drawn to a cellulose mixed ester. However, the election is made with traverse.

MPEP § 803 states that an application may be properly restricted to one or more claimed inventions only if (1) the inventions are independent or distinct as claimed, and (2) there is a serious burden on the Examiner if restriction is not required. Thus, even if appropriate reasons exist for requiring restriction, such a requirement should not be made unless there is an undue burden on the Examiner to examine all the claims in a single application. Here, it would appear that the searches involved for the claims would be coextensive. As such, it is not believed to be a serious burden on the Examiner to examine all the claims.

Accordingly, for at least all of the reasons set forth above, withdrawal of the requirement for restriction is requested.

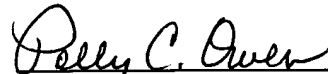
The Examiner also requires a selection of species. Applicants elect with traverse for the reasons stated above Claims 32-44 from Group A; Claims 47 and 66 from Group B; leveling, rheology, and flow control agents from Group C (additives); and metal as

the substrate in Group D. New claims 67-71 and 77-80 belong to Group of the species restriction categories set by the Examiner.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

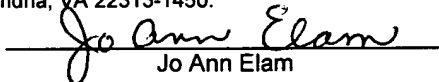
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